THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. These findings are reported in the Annual Report No. 5 of 1996 of C&AG on Revenue Receipts Direct Taxes for the year ended 31.3.1995.

(b) The amount of recovery made out of this amount of Rs. 855.38 crores is not ascertainable on account of the following reasons:—

(i) Many audit objections are resisted by the Income-tax Department on the basis of factual verification and the existing provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and the same are finally dropped by the revenue audit.

(ii) A number of assessees file appeals against the orders rectifying the mistakes, creating additional tax demand. During the pendency of first appeal, co-ercive measures of recovery are generally not adopted.

(iii) The additional demand raised on account of these audit objections is sometimes stayed by the assessing officers, supervisory officers and appeallate authorities.

(iv) In many cases, as a result of appellate orders, the additional demand raised is reduced or deleted.

(c) In most of these cases, the explanation of the erring officer is called by the Department to examine their bonafides and appropriate action is taken wherever required.

Introduction of vaccines to Combat Leprosy

2662. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some vaccines are introduced to combat leprosy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Daily Despatch Lists for Exports and Import List for Imports

2663. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which the Customs publish the daily despatch list for export and daily import lists for Imports;

(b) whether there is any other sister agency apart from Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics which officially and authentically compiles these details as a routine or on specitic request; and

(c) if so, the name and details of such agency?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) the daily list of imports and exports is published by all the major Customs Houses, based on the data fed into their computer systems concerning the import and export clearances effected through the respective Ports/Air Cargo Complexes under their jurisdiction.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Proposal for reducing Cess on Spices

2664. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for reducing the export cess of spices is pending;

(b) whether pending decision on that proposal, export of cardamom, pepper etc. were exempted from payment of cess from 1992 onwards with periodical extention utpo 31st March, 1996;

(c) whether there was delay to extend the exemption beyond 31st March, 1996